



**LONDON EAST ACADEMY
& AL MIZAN SCHOOL**
ISLAMIC SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR BOYS & ISLAMIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Assalamu 'alaikum

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I would like to thank you and our students for showing exemplary patience during this unprecedented period of global crisis. A period that has not only changed how people work, study and live, but also changed routines of the month of Ramadan and the day of Eid that followed. Students in particular would no doubt be missing their friends, teachers and all the usual things they would do to keep the school environment lively.

Despite these challenges, I know that you have encouraged your children to continue studying at home. I do not underestimate how difficult this is, particularly where people reside in small spaces and these shared spaces are used for living, studying, playing and working. I would like to thank you for all the sacrifices that you have made and all your hard work. Thank you for continuing with the learning at home in these difficult times.

I would like to assure you that the Governors of the schools are aware of these challenges and have, since the national lockdown, have maintained regular contact with the school. Governors are working with the Head teacher, Ustad Askor and his team, to continue to plan and organise for returning back to the 'new normal' in accordance with the DfE guidelines and incorporating the wishes of parents and guardians to protect the students and the staff.

I am pleased that the interim classes have started via Zoom and fuller class will commence next month inshallah. Teaching through Zoom was the wish of almost all the parents and I am glad that the school has been able to accommodate their request.

I know from the feedback from parents/guardians that students find the Zoom sessions very productive. I am heartened by the support that parents/guardians of Al-Mizan, have shown, particularly at last Friday's meeting. Of course, there is always room for improvement and we will listen to the constructive feedback given to us via the appropriate channels.

I would like to end by thanking Ustad Askor and his team for their meticulous planning and taking account of feedback from different stakeholders. I would also like to thank Al Mizan and London East Academy Community for their strong support and cooperation during these difficult times.

Wassalam,

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